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Cliff: Ray Basso and Alice Yeh requested the rebuttal but are not sure which one of them will actually make the rebuttal. Kirk agreed to give me a couple of minutes to rebut what they said. He appears to be uncomfortable with this whole thing as he is worried about how much time it will all take - I told him I will limit my rebuttal to issues they raise. I told him it did not seem fair that EPA gets the last word on my talk. He agreed.
mark

On May 12, 2010, at 12:46 PM, Clifford Firstenberg wrote:

Thx...please call Kirk and ask if he will grant you a counter rebuttal to EPA. If he says no and asks what you will do, say you don't know at this point...leave him guessing. If you can engage

him and find out if he thinks a rebuttal is appropriate at a technical conference, that would be good...I can't imagine he can say "yes" with a straight face.

Also, try to get more info: who made the request, who will be speaking for EPA, etc.

Thx
Cliff

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Dear Presenters,

The agenda for the 4th Passaic River Symposium is complete! See below (also downloadable from the web site, www.csam.montclair.edu/pri/conferences). If you haven't registered yet please do so – the late registration fee is imposed after May 21. Also if you haven't done so already, please send me your fully formatted abstract as per my earlier email.

Thanks so much for participating!

Regards,
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FOURTH PASSAIC RIVER SYMPOSIUM

Organized by the Passaic River Institute of Montclair State
University

Tuesday, June 22, 2010, Montclair State University
Conference Center, 1 Normal Ave., Montclair, NJ

Symposium web
site: www.csam.montclair.edu/pri/conferences

The agenda for the biennial Passaic River Symposium is complete– see below! A wide spectrum of topics and viewpoints will be presented. We are pleased to announce that the Honorable Bill Pascrell, Jr. US Congressman, NJ 8th District, Ms. Judith Enck, Region 2 Administrator, US

Environmental Protection Agency, Colonel John R. Boulé II, Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers, NY District and Mr. Bob Martin, Commissioner, NJ Department of Environmental Protection are all confirmed to speak.

The "Lower Passaic River Restoration Project" will be prominently featured in the Symposium, including the "Phase 1" sediment removal by the Diamond Alkali site and the "Focused Feasibility Study" addressing the lower 8 miles. Additional projects and issues throughout the Passaic Basin will also be examined. The three previous symposia (see archived materials at the web site) attracted nearly 300 participants each – this fourth symposium promises to be equally attended.

REGISTRATION. On-line registration and mail-in registration forms are now available through the Symposium web site, www.csam.montclair.edu/pri/conferences. Registration fees (includes continental breakfast, lunch and book of abstracts): Professional: Regular (by May 21) \$95, Late \$125; Student: Regular \$40, Late \$60. Pay by credit card, check, PO or voucher. Mail registrations must be postmarked by June 7th. On-line registrations will be accepted until June 15th, as long as space is available. On-site registration the day of the meeting is discouraged; space may not be available and an additional \$50 fee will be assessed.

CONFERENCE LOCATION. The Symposium will be held at the Conference Center at Montclair State University on the 7th floor of the University Hall. It's a first-class conference center with a spectacular panoramic view of the Manhattan skyline. See www.montclair.edu/conferencecenter for directions.

LODGING. See the web site for a list of area hotels at which discounted rooms have been arranged.

FOR MORE INFORMATION. Contact Dr. Kirk R. Barrett, PE, PWS, Director of the Passaic River Institute, kirk.barrett@montclair.edu, 973-655-7117.

AGENDA, FOURTH PASSAIC

June 22, 2010, University Hall Conference Center, Montclair State University

Organized by the Passaic River Institute

8:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM Opening Remarks

- Dr. Kirk Barrett, Director, Passaic River Institute, Montclair State University
- Dr. Susan A. Cole, President, Montclair State University
- The Honorable Bill Pascrell, Jr., US Congressman, NJ 8th District
- Ms. Judith Enck, Region 2 Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency
- Colonel John R. Boulé II, Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers, NY District
- Mr. Bob Martin, Commissioner, NJ Department of Environmental Protection

SESSION 1 Perspectives from Partner Agencies and the Lower Passaic River

10:00 AM Overview of Partner Agency Efforts to Clean Up the Lower Passaic River and
Sediments: Finalizing the Alternatives for the Lower 8 Miles. Alice Yeh, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

10:15 AM Restoration planning for the Lower Passaic River. Lisa Baron, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

10:30 AM Federal Trustee's Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Action Plan
Wildlife Service

10:45 AM Lower Passaic River Study Area RI/FS Update. William Hyatt, K&L Gates, LLP

11:00 AM BREAK -- COFFEE, EXHIBITS AND POSTERS (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

Track A
University Hall
Seventh Floor
Conference Center

Track B
University Hall
First Floor,
Room 1070

Track C
University Hall
First Floor,
Room 1050

SESSION 2	Lower Passaic "Phase 1 Removal Action" and Community Perspectives	Lower Passaic Sediment Geochemistry	Water quality
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11:30 AM	The Passaic River Community Advisory	An Update to EPA's Conceptual Site Model for	Water use regimes, land uses, and spatial data
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	Group and Its Role in the Passaic River Removal Action. Carol Johnston, Ironbound Community Corporation, and Tom Pietrykoski , Lower Passaic Watershed Alliance	the Lower Passaic River: An Examination of the Most Recent Results. Edward Garvey, Louis Berger	analysis for better water management. Benjamin Witherell, Montclair State University
11:45 AM	Update on the Removal Action Through Potentially Responsible Party Initiative. Bob Romagnoli, Arcadis	Historical Trends of Energy Use, Energy Sources and Hydrocarbons Pollution along the Passaic River and Newark Bay, 1660-present. Steven Marshall, Steven Marshall	Using radionuclides to identify source of excess fine-grained sediments in urban and New Jersey river channels. Joshua Galster, Montclair Passaic River Institute
12:00 PM	The Economic and Social Values of a Cleaner Lower Passaic River. Ella Filippone, Passaic River Coalition	Sources of Contaminants of Concern to the Newark Bay Estuary. Dennis Farley, The Intelligence Group	Tackling NJ's 1st TMDL year case study in the Vashon watershed. Pat Rector, University
12:15 PM	The Riverfront Newark Wants: Progress Report 2008-2010. Damon Rich, City of Newark	Organic Contaminants in Sediments from the Lower Passaic River. Michael Kruge, Passaic River Institute, Montclair State University	Nutrient Cycling and the Assimilative Capacity of an Exurban Stream – Belco Creek, Passaic County. Richard Pardi, William I. Univ.
12:30 PM	LUNCH, POSTERS AND EXHIBITS ON		
	Including Book Signings by Local Authors: Dr. Judith Weis of Rutgers-Newark, author of "Salt Marshes: A Natural History of the Hackensack Meadowlands), and Mr. Kevin Olsen of Montclair State, author of "A Great Convenience: a Man's Story of the Passaic River, and Newark Bay"		
1:15 PM	Selected Readings from the forthcoming book "This American River: From Paradise to Superstorm" by Robert M. Bruno, in the Conference Room adjacent to the Conference Center		
SESSION 3	Lower Passaic Human and Ecological Health	Lower Passaic Sediment Dynamics	Water quality
1:45 PM	Historical and Current Ecological Conditions of	Historical bathymetric changes in the Lower	Water Supply Protection Continuous Stream Mo

	the Lower Passaic River. Mike Johns, Windward Environmental	Passaic River. William Hansen, Worcester State College	Paul Schorr, NJDEP
2:00 PM	Altered Gonadal Development in Newark Bay Organisms. Keith Cooper, Rutgers University	Understanding of Sediment Transport in the Lower Passaic River. Craig Jones, SEA Engineering	Continuous Water Quality Monitoring of the Hackensack River. Joseph Grzyb, Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute
2:15 PM	Application of Behavioral Simulation Modeling to Evaluate Anglers' Fish Consumption. Jason Kinnell, Veritas Economic Consulting	Effects of morphological change in the Passaic River/ Newark Bay system on circulation and sediment transport processes. Robert Chant, Rutgers University	Pathogen Sources and relations in the Lower Passaic River. David Vaccari, Stevens Institute of Technology
2:30 PM	Human Health Risk Assessment for Consumption of Fish from the Lower Passaic River. Mark Harris, ToxStrategies, Inc.	Morphology, Modeling and Bathymetry: Application of Physical indicators to Evaluate Sediment Stability in the Lower Passaic River. Han Winterwerp, Moffatt & Nichol	NYHOPS v3 OFS: New hydrodynamic and water level forecasts include the Passaic River. Nickitas Georgas, Stevens Institute of Technology
2:45 PM	BREAK -- COFFEE ON THE 7TH FLOOR		
SESSION 4	Restoration and Remediation	Lower Passaic Sediment Dynamics	Water quality, Stormwater Management and Mitigation
3:15 PM	Incentive Based Environmental Restoration and Planning, Shifting the Paradigm. Stephen Davis, Matrix New World Engineering, Inc.	Sediment Stability in the Lower Passaic River - Integration of Multiple Lines of Evidence. Michael Barbara, mab.consulting LLC	Improving River Water Quality CSO Disinfection. John Engineers Plus
3:30 PM	Urban River Restoration. Terry Doss, Biohabitats	Hydraulic Modeling for Preliminary Evaluation of Potential Flooding Impacts for Various Dredging, Capping and Armoring Scenarios. Abdulai Fofanah, The	Long-Term Operation of Stormwater Infiltration and Management Practices. Emerson, Princeton Hydro

Louis Berger Group, Inc.

Water Supply
in the non-tidal
Passaic Basin

3:45 PM	Topsoil from Contaminated Sediment from the Lower Passaic River, BioGenesis Sediment Washing Technology. John Sontag, BioGenesis Enterprises, Inc.	The New Jersey Geological Survey and the Creation of Water Supply Reservoirs in the Upper Passaic Basin. Kevin Olsen, Montclair State, Passaic River Institute	The Edison Environmental Center permeable pavement initial results from a stormwater control designed for mountain. Thomas O'Connor, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, ORD, UWMB
4:00 PM	Utilization of Barrier and Treatment Designs to Address Irregular Shoreline Surfaces and Control of Contaminant Migration. Collins, AquaBlok, Ltd.	Highlands Water Availability in the Passaic Basin. Daniel Van Abs, NJ Highlands Council	Passaic River Flood Mitigation Non-Structural Solutions. Hormoz Pazwash, Boston Engineering

4:15 PM

RECEPTION, POSTERS AND EXHIBITS
7th FLOOR

POSTERS

A Systems Dynamics Approach to Test the Proposed LEED for Neighborhood Development Performance Systems as a Holistic and Sustainable Redevelopment Option for the Lower Passaic River Area. Amy Ferdinand, Montclair State University

Iron Oxide Coated Multiwall Carbon Nanotubes for the Removal of Arsenic from Water. S. Ntim, New Jersey Institute of Technology

Carbon Nanotubes Immobilized Membrane for Enhanced Analytical Separation. Ornithida, New Jersey Institute of Technology

An Integrated Plan for Open Space, Recreation and BMPs along the Passaic River in Passaic Circuit Greenbelt. Marcia Anderson, Montclair State University

Water Education for Teachers using Project WET. Ray Nichols, NJDEP-DWM

Water Supply and Power in 1894. Schorr, NJDEP

Lower Passaic River Commercial Navigation Analysis Update. Tricia Aspinwall, US Army

Engineers - New York

Carbon Nanotubes as the Sorbent for Integrating μ -Solid Phase Extraction within the New Syringe. Madhuleena Bhadra, New Jersey Institute of Technology

Assessing stream restoration efforts in northern New Jersey. Joshua Galster, Montclair State University, Passaic River Institute

The impact of Japanese knotweed on stream baseflow. Joshua Galster, Montclair State University, Passaic River Institute

Application of GIS to assess land use change to urban use in Passaic River Basin: A watershed approach to counter climate change. Faith Justus, Montclair State University

Soil Composition and Transfer of Metals on Nutritional Quality of Vegetables Grown in Urban Community Gardens. Khadija Latif, Montclair State University

Reducing Contaminated Groundwater Flow to Rivers: Evaluation of Alternative Active Carbon Adsorption. Joanna Moreno, Adventus Group

The Effects of Distance and Selective Enrichment on Alkane Monooxygenase Gene Diversity in the Passaic River Sediment. Elyse Rodgers-Vieira, Rutgers University

PCB Mass Loading Project: Identifying Non-point Source PCB Contribution to the Surface Water in the Christina River Basin. John-Paul Rossi, BrightFields, Inc

A Unique Private/Public Wetland Mitigation Bank Partnership in the Hackensack Meadowlands, New Jersey. Margaret McBrien, The Louis Berger Group, Inc.,

Design of Infiltration Stormwater Facilities by Limit Equilibrium Analysis of Hydraulic Conductivity Geometry. Keith Merl, Princeton Hydro, LLC

Molluscan Community and Population Structure in an Urban Pond in the Lower Passaic River Watershed, New Jersey. Robert Prezant, Montclair State University, Passaic River Institute

Standards for the Construction and Development Point Source Category Final Rule - How Will They Affect the Passaic River Watershed, and When? Keith Merl, Princeton Hydro, LLC

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